

## From Our Pastor

Tim Hansel wrote in his book, *Holy Sweat*, "In 1962, Victor and Mildred Goertzel published a revealing study of 413 "famous and exceptionally gifted people" called *Cradles of Eminence*. They spent years attempting to understand what produced such greatness, what common thread might run through all of these outstanding people's lives. Surprisingly, the most outstanding fact was that virtually all of them, 392 had to overcome very difficult obstacles in order to become who they were."

No one asks for hard times in their lives; but as Christians, we can find purpose in them. The verse that has ministered to me the most over the years (in difficult times) is Romans 8:28 – **"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."** Challenges may surprise us, but they never surprise God. God uses the hard times in our lives to teach us that we are ultimately dependent upon Him for all of our needs. When hard times come your way, instead of fearing them or dreading them, why not embrace them in the truth of Romans 8:28? What can God teach us through our next trial? What good will come as a result of it?

I pray that God would protect us from trials; but should He allow us to encounter them, may we do so with a sense of excitement of what He has to teach us in them. One truth that I have learned is that God is faithful in the sunshine and in the storms.

Blessings in Christ,

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

October is Sunday School emphasis month with High Attendance Sunday being the 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing how many people will be reached, taught the Bible, take part in ministry, and be encouraged to be Great Commission Christians.

**GROW Team W**  
**Monday night at 6:00**



## Please Take Note!

We all want to do what we can to keep our facilities in tip top shape. Please, before you do anything to change our facilities, grounds, etc. go to the chairman of the correct committee for discussion, approval, and help. Sometimes plans are already in the works for something you would like to do. Committees are listed in our new Leadership Booklet. Please get a copy on Sunday.

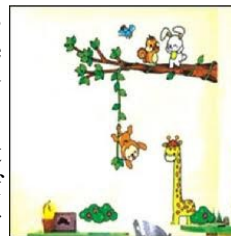
**PLANNING PACKETS ARE DUE BACK TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

## Voting Is Our Duty!

Please fulfill your Christian and civic duty by voting for our nation's leaders in the upcoming election. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 6 IN ORDER TO VOTE IN NOVEMBER.** Registration forms are located on the downstairs table. Please pick one up if you are not registered.

## Don't Leave Us Hanging

To stay up-to-date on what's happening at Northgate, please read your Gate Post and Sunday bulletin, and check your emails and our church website at [northgatebaptist.com](http://northgatebaptist.com) frequently. If you have committed to volunteer with our preschoolers or children, to usher, to be a greeter, etc. please be sure you are here to serve at your designated time. If you cannot be here, it is your responsibility to find someone to exchange with you. If you don't have time to check emails, etc. have someone in your family to do this and remind you when it is your time to minister.



## WMU News

During the month of September, we are having our State Missions emphasis and receiving our Janie Chapman State Missions Offering. Envelopes are located throughout the church building to help us reach our goal of \$1,600 to share Christ with our state.

On Wednesday, September 26 at 6:30 Rev. Joel Thrasher, Missions Strategist with Greenville Baptist Association, will be speaking on *Mission Possible . . . with all men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.* (Mark 10:27).

WMU Groups will be observing the State Missions emphasis on September 25 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on September 27 at 7 p.m. at the home of Nancy Stephens.

This year we are planning a *Trunk or Treat* as our Fall Festival. If an individual, class, or group would like to sponsor a *trunk* on October 28, please see Ruth for instructions. Individuals are asked to bring candy treats to go in the trunks.



## Upcoming Seminars at EI

October 6: One-Day Seminar on *Follow Me, Prayer in the Life of the Believer*. The speaker is Art Nuernberg. The entire seminar and meals are only \$25 (\$15 without meals)

October 19-20: *Equipping Men Retreat*. Speaker for the weekend will be Norm Wakefield. The cost is only \$50 (\$100 for staying on campus).

For more information see Warren Peden.

## School Supplies Are Needed!

We are collecting school supplies for children who cannot afford to purchase what they need for learning. Please bring supplies to the collection boxes at the foot of the stairs near the office and in the vestibule. Thanks for reaching out to our community through this project.

## Our church family **MATTERS**

### In Case of Emergency Call

Barry Jimmerson @ 609-1845  
Ruth Harrison @ 380-7850

Blue Bryan @ 243-7377  
Richard Hendricks @ 884-6912

### Our Homebound Member of the Week

Gilbert and Wiline Littlejohn  
135 Buist Avenue, Greenville SC 29609

### Happy Birthday for the Week of September 23-29

25: Beth Brummett  
26: Mary Jane Peden, Sarah Nell Phillips, Martha Berry,  
Anthony Spagnolo  
29: Mike Murphy  
30: Frankie Ballentine, Nadine Chasteen, Ryan Hardesty

### Happy Anniversary September 23-29

23: David and Susan McClure  
24: Harry and Dawn Cunningham  
27: Steven and Karen Riddle  
28: John and Patti Spagnolo

## registration information

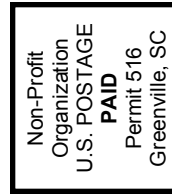
Basketball registration has begun for this season. Please see information and register your children online this year. If you do not have internet, we will have forms available on request in the church office. The deadline is October 28.

### Wednesday Night Meals

Our Wednesday night meals are served from 5:15 - 6:30 each Wednesday. Call the church office by noon on Tuesday to add your name or to remove your name from the list. If you do not cancel by this time you will be charged the following week for the meal you missed.

### Winter Library Hours

New hours for our church library are 3:00 - 6:30 on Wednesdays and 9:00 - 10:45 on Sundays. Visit our library often. We have some neat books you and your family can read.



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Return Service Requested

### Ministers for the Week of September 23-29

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

**Deacons of the Month:** Robby Bannister, Steve Todd, Ted Garner

**Preschool Worship:** Chasie Bearden, Dawn Cunningham,  
Jack and Carol Dill, Will Kirby, Pam Waters

**Children's Church:** Dan and Bonnie Burgess

**Wednesday Night:** Robby and Tiffany Bannister

**Greeters:** Patty Runion, Carol Hughes, Pat Durham

**Ushers:** David McClure, Will Moore, Perry Folk, Walt Green

**Sound/Video Projection:** John Folk, Debbie Hudson, Kelsey Todd

**Counter:** Perry Folk

**Release Time:** Jan Calvert, Dawn Painter, Barbara Lollis,  
Marian Huskey, Linda Smith

**Wednesday Workers:** Youth Team, Marian Huskey

**Menu for 26<sup>th</sup>:** Fresh salmon with homemade roumelade  
sauce, rice pilaf, mixed veggies, key lime pie

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Barry Jimmerson  
Minister of Students and Education: Blue Bryan  
Minister of Children/Preschool: Ruth Harrison  
Worship Leader: Richard Hendricks

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**Northgate  
Blood Drive  
October 1  
4:30 - 9:00**

Please consider donating blood at our annual Blood Drive. Contact our coordinator, Judy Rothfuss, or call the church office for an appointment. If you donate at other times, just tell them to credit it to Northgate.

By having a Blood Drive annually, Northgate members are able to receive blood, if needed, at a discounted rate. Let's keep this tradition going strong.

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